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1. Ex-La Opinion Editor, Jacobo Timerman, was placed under the "Institutional Responsibility Act" by the military Junta on November 10. His inclusion under the Act means he loses all civil rights, the use of property and other assets until legitimate ownership is established, and can be held in jail indefinitely.

2. The Timerman family is stunned by the government's action. They learned of it only when they read the morning papers and do not know how to interpret it. Timerman's son commented to the USIS Press Officer "why now after seven months? It can't be anything but a vindictive action." One family friend ventured the theory that this paves the way for Timerman's release, but the family is now very ~~pessimistic~~ pessimestic on that score.

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3. In a related development, the GOA on November 8 created a "National Commission of Patrimonial Responsibility" (CONAREPA) to investigate and rule on the legitimacy of property and other assets held by the persons processed under the Institutional Responsibility Act.

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To Mr. Gilman/Mr. Lagomarsino

from WILLIAM H. HALLMAN
Counselor of Embassy
for Political Affairs

I had a call from Mr. Flores in Deputy Foreign Minister Allara's office at seven this evening. He said he was ready to report on four persons about whom you asked this morning:

Jacobo Timerman. Held since 22 April 1977 under "Poder Ejecutive Nacional" (Natl. Executive Power) under decree 1093 for "subversive economic crimes."

Ernesto Benado Rejobitski. He departed Argentina August 1, 1977 on Caledonian Airlines Flight 654 en route to London.

Eduardo Federico Alvarez Rojas. Government has no information, no registry of detention.

Jacobo and Matilde Stohlman. Government has no information, no registry of detention.

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